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THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE ASAHI EVENING NEWS,
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1976: QUOTE: AN INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM
TO GATHER FACTS ABOUT THE ATOMIC BOMBINGS OF HIROSHIMA AND
NAGASAKI IN 1945 AND PRESENT THEIR TRAGIC NATURES TO THE WORLD
IS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT SUMMER IN THE TWO JAPANESE CITIES.

THE SYMPOSIUM, TO BE SPONSORED BY THE NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION
(NGO), IS INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE THE INTERNATIONAL CALL FOR
ABOLISHING ALL NUCLEAR ARMS AND FOR AIDS TO THE ATOMIC BOMB
VICTIMS.

ACCORDING TO JAPANESE ORGANIZERS THAT INCLUDE
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THE JAPAN COUNCIL OF ATOMIC AND HYDROGEN BOMB ORGANIZATIONS
ASSOCIATION (JCAHBOA), INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS OF NATURAL
SCIENCE, MEDICAL RESEARCH, SOCIAL SCIENCE AND PEACE EDUCATION
AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NGO WILL GATHER IN HIROSHIMA AND
NAGASAKI FOR THE SYMPOSIUM IN JULY AND AUGUST IN 1977.

TO BE REPORTED AT THE SYMPOSIUM, ACCORDING TO THE CU

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PLAN, ARE THE FACTS PERTAINING TO THE DROPPINGS OF THE ATOMIC BOMBS IN HIROSHIMA ON AUG. 6, 1945, AND IN NAGASAKI ON AUG. 9 IN THE SAME YEAR AND THE PLIGHTS OF THE BOMB VICTIMS SINCE THEN.

SOME OF THE OUTCOMES OF THE SYMPOSIUM WILL BE COMPILED INTO INTERNATIONAL APPEARS.

THE JAPANESE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE WAS INAUGURATED IN TOKYO ON DEC. 18 WITH SCHOLARS, MEN OF CULTURE, PEACE MOVEMENT ACTIVISTS AND PEOPLE OF OTHER BROAD SECTORS PARTICIPATING.

ONE INTERESTING POINT ABOUT THE JAPANESE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE IS THAT IT INCLUDES MEMBERS OF BOTH OF THE LONG CONFRONTING JAPAN COUNCIL AGAINST ATOMIC AND HYDROGEN BOMBS AND THE JAPAN CONGRESS AGAINST ATOMIC AND HYDROGEN BOMBS.

THIS MAY CONSTITUTE A CHANCE FOR THE INTEGRATION OF THE JAPANESE BAN-THE-BOMB MOVEMENTS, SAID A JCAHBOA OFFICIAL.

PLANS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM WERE WORKED OUT IN GENEVA IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR BY THE NGO SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT. IT WAS BASED ON A PLEA MADE BY A JAPANESE MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE FALL OF LAST YEAR THAT THE U.N. SHOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN PUBLICIZING THE TRAGEDY CREATED BY ATOMIC BOMBS.

THE PLAN MADE IN GENEVA THIS FEBRUARY RECEIVED SUPPORTS FROM THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL, THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE BUREAU, THE WOMEN'S UNCLASSIFIED

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INTERNATIONNL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM, THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, THE WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS, YMCA, YWCA AND A NUMBER OF OTHER INFLUENTIAL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT BELONG TO THE NGO.

THESE SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS HELD THEIR FIRST DISCUSSION MEETING FOR THE PLANNED SYMPOSIUM IN GENEVA ON DEC. 3 AND REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE TIMING AND LOCATION OF THE SYMPOSIUM.

AN INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE PREPARATION OF THIS SYMPOSIUM WILL BE INAUGURATED ON JAN. 28 NEXT YEAR. THE SYMPOSIUM IS ALSO EXPECTED TO RECEIVE SUPPORTS FROM THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) AND THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO). END QUOTE.
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